

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Original) A plastics processing machine for producing fiber-containing thermoplastics, comprising:
  - an extruder;
  - a scale assembly having a weighing plate for determining an amount of fiber to be supplied to the extruder; and
  - a fiber feeding device for supply of fiber material from a take-off unit to the extruder, said fiber feeding device including a first fiber guide unit, which is securely fixed to the weighing plate, for removing the fibers from the take-off unit, and a second fiber guide unit which is decoupled from the weighing plate and so constructed as to route the fibers between the first and second guide units in a substantially perpendicular relationship to a gravitational force.
2. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 1, wherein the first fiber guide unit includes at least one deflecting element for deflecting a fiber take-off direction by less than 180°.
3. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 1, wherein the first fiber guide unit includes at least two deflecting elements for deflecting a fiber take-off direction by about 90° or less.

4. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 2, wherein the deflecting element is constructed as a rod oriented in substantial perpendicular relationship to the fiber take-off direction.
5. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 4, wherein the rod is made of ceramics.
6. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 4, wherein the rod has a surface made of ceramics.
7. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 2, wherein the deflecting element is constructed as a roller.
8. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 7, wherein the roller has a rolling surface made of ceramics.
9. (Original) The plastics processing machine of claim 1, wherein the take-off unit is a member selected from the group consisting of spool, drum and roving.
10. (Currently amended) A scale assembly for a plastics processing machine, comprising a weighing plate; and a fiber guide unit, securely fixed to the weighing plate, for removing endless fibers from a take-off unit, wherein the

take-off unit is a member selected from the group consisting of spool, drum and roving.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) In combination:

a scale assembly; and

[[A]] a fiber feeding device for transporting fiber material from [[a]] the scale assembly to an extruder, said fiber feeding device comprising:

a first fiber guide unit securely fixed to the scale assembly and drawing fibers in a substantially vertical direction in opposition to a gravitational force, and

a second fiber guide unit which is decoupled from the scale assembly and constructed such that the fibers travel between the first and second guide units in a substantially perpendicular relationship to the gravitational force.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~fiber-feeding device~~ combination of claim 12, wherein the first fiber guide unit includes a frame mounted to the scale assembly, and a deflection assembly mounted to the frame for deflecting a travel of the fiber by less than 180°.